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Press release issued by Hudak offends Craitor



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BBBS strikes its \$40,000 goal



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Five-year-old James Mason gets ready to throw a strike at Carroll's Bowling Lanes last Saturday, the final day of action for Fort Erie Big Brothers Big Sisters' Bowl for Kids' Sake campaign. The agency has exceeded its \$40,000 goal after falling short last year. Read the whole story on page nine.

Council uses patience

Report tabled until arrival of second legal opinion

Kris Dubé
The Times

Council has decided to be patient and wait for the independent third-party legal opinion on possible ramifications of breaking the Town's contract with the Molinaro Group and not build a condo at Bay Beach.

Last week, council went into closed session after Wednesday's operating budget meeting to discuss what firm would be conducting a review of whether or not the Town will be subject to \$3.2 million in litigation, a number projected and warned of by Town staff over recent weeks, since the majority of council decided to move ahead with killing the Crystal Beach Gateway Project, a proposed 12-storey condominium building on the south side of Erie Road that has caused over three years of debate within the community and local government.

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Kim Craitor MPP

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Patti Carver, left, and Ruth Bruyns at the Avondale in Crystal Beach, as Ridgeway resident Ray Martin signs a petition in support of either rezoning the Bay Beach properties or not rezoning, which would keep the project a possibility.

Legal advice expected Mar. 21, at earliest

From Page 1

Aird and Berliss LLP, a firm based out of the Greater Toronto Area, will conduct the review and provide a second legal opinion, after the Town of Fort Erie's own legal staff, along with the finance department and the chief administrative officer all warn that taxpayers could face a 6.3 per cent tax increase if the town's next step is to rezone the properties at Bay Beach

and essentially close all discussion about the proposed development.

Being considered on Monday was a report that council could approve to begin rezoning and basically make it official that the Town is breaking its contract with the Burlington-based developer.

A motion was made by Ward 1 Coun. Stephen Passero to table the report, since he feels council should wait until the answers they have asked for are provided.

"It's this council that has

said we want all the information, so we can make an informed decision," added Passero.

Passero said it is important to give the firm as much time as it needs, since this is such a crucial step in the process and it is unknown whether they will need to come back with more research or look into other similar cases taking place within the development community.

"I think it's somewhat ridiculous we're trying to rush them," said Martin.

Mayor Doug Martin's sentiments were similar to

Passero's, saying that moving ahead with the rezoning basically illustrates that no steps have been made yet, regardless of what the third-party review suggests.

"To do this tonight, is basically saying you've already pre-determined the outcome of what you're going to hear," said Martin.

The earliest council will receive the report from the firm is March 21 and chief administrative officer Harry Schmitz says he's "noshing" for representation to be present on this day to answer questions council may have.

The Planning Act requires a minimum 20-day notice to the community through an advertisement in the Times. Before council will begin the rezoning process with a public meeting at Town Hall on the matter, scheduled for April 18.

Ward 6 Coun. Paul Collard feels this will provide enough time for an ad to be placed in the Mar. 26 issue of the local paper, in tandem with when the legal opinion arrives.

"I agree, we need to take time and get the report, but at the same time, we don't want them taking six to eight weeks to do it," said Collard.

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Council approves gateway plan, looks ahead to future

Kris Dubé
The Times

The Town of Fort Erie is looking into the future, by approving its Gateway Secondary Plan.

On Monday night, council gave the green light to the plan that calls for a land use framework for property lying east of Concession Road, south of the QEW and west and north of Lake Erie and Niagara River.

The vision for this area first came to the table in 2001 and in 2004 a gateway urban design strategy was approved.

Staff describes the project as a way of improving the image of not only Fort Erie, but also of Ontario and the entire nation of Canada, considering its close proximity to the border.

The subject lands are 262 acres.

In the report approved by council, it is projected that Greater Fort Erie's population will grow by 10,000 to 40,000 by 2031 and this strategy will accommodate that growth.

"We're very pleased to be at this point," said the town's director of community and development services Rino Mostacci, before a brief presentation and overview of the plan was provided by neighbourhood planner Tom Villella.

Summarizing the program, Villella

said the proposed improvements will provide a more distinct and favourable image for the area.

"This neighbourhood planning has an important role, providing a first impression of the town and the region," he said.

Citing that Greater Fort Erie's population is projected to grow by 33 per cent over the next 20 years, Villella said providing a means for this foresight is necessary to reduce urban sprawl.

The objective of neighbourhood planning is to plan and direct that growth to existing urban areas, consistent with urban policy," he said.

In the report, the area is

characterized as by a mix of commercial and residential uses, including the "highway commercial" uses along Garrison Road and Central Avenue.

"In the neighbourhood and surrounding areas, the residential uses range from large lot singles along Lakeshore Road to mid-rise residential apartment buildings ranging from five to eight stories in height."

The area is fully equipped with municipal services and is potentially a desirable development area due to its close proximity to the QEW and the border. However, it is currently underdeveloped, resulting in an inefficient use of municipal services, reads

the report.

"The intent is to better utilize these lands to maximize the efficiency of the existing services in the area," added Villella.

Later in the council committee meeting, a delegation was provided by a senior planner representing Canadian Tire Real Estate Limited (CTREL), who proposed a site specific zoning provision to allow for the current gas bar on Central Avenue to be re-located to the south portion of land of where the Canadian Tire on Garrison Road exists.

He provided a letter on behalf of CTREL, that explains the permission

of a gas bar at the location allows the corporation to carry out its "overall national strategy to take advantage of the synergies between the two units."

Council had issues with a gas bar at the location, considering the potential of competing chains that already exist nearby.

Ward 4 Coun. John Hill said he appreciates the idea of competition in business but feels the other gas stations and their role in the community needs to be considered.

"As a council, we need to look at all business in Fort Erie, particularly those that

are affected by other business," said Hill.

Ward 2 Coun. Rick Shular agreed, pointing out that if the Canadian Tire gas bar on Central Avenue were to be relocated, Ward 2 would lose its only service station and may be added to an area that is already equipped with six within a minimal radius.

"I'm taken back, and not supportive of this," he said.

Shular was also curious to hear what the Fort Erie location's franchisee's thoughts are on the proposed relocation of the gas bar.

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Region still needs to give approval

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Patti Mills-Roy, owner of the store on Garrison Road, said weighing in on the proposed change is out of her hands and is essentially the decision of the Canadian Tire corporation.

"I think it could be helpful for business and our customers here, but I understand the concerns about moving it from another part of town," she said.

Some of the plan's

objectives are to capitalize on the town and region's investment in infrastructure and streetscaping by promoting high quality development and re-development.

It will also provide a diversity of suitable housing choices to meet the needs of varying demographics, reads the staff report.

Some of the key land use elements of the plan that are the result of the award-winning gateway urban

design strategy from 2004 include low, medium and high density residential. The plan also calls for a core mixed use area along Garrison Road that would provide a variety of both commercial and residential uses.

Open space development will provide for the creation of parks, trails and natural buffer areas.

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Craitor considers legal action

 Niagara MPP
 not pleased with
 press release
 issued by Tim
 Hudak's office

Kris Dubé
 The Times

Niagara Falls member of provincial parliament Kim Craitor is threatening to take legal action against Ontario Progressive Conservative leader Tim Hudak over a press release issued last week.

It started when another online local news source ran a story about Craitor's thoughts on Hamilton Niagara Haldimand Brant Local Health Integration Network (LHIN) chair Juanita Giedhill stepping down from her position, where he was quoted saying she did a "good job."

On Friday morning, Hudak's office sent out a press release to media claiming that Craitor was stating that closing emergency rooms in Fort Erie and Port Colborne was part of this "job

well done."

In 2008, under Giedhill's leadership, the LHIN approved the Niagara Health System (NHS)'s Hospital Improvement Plan.

Craitor said the message provided by Hudak's office was completely misinterpreted and taken out of context.

"The conversation at the time, was about Juanita as a person," said Craitor.

"As a person, she did a good job. It doesn't mean I agree with the decisions made by the LHIN," added Craitor, Fort Erie's representative at the provincial level.

When Fort Erie held a rally at the Leisureplex, bringing out over 5,000 people, Giedhill was there.

When the hospital issue was at its prime in Fort Erie, Giedhill attended and was a delegate at a handful of council meetings, something Craitor feels should be appreciated.

"She was always accessible."

In summary, Craitor feels Hudak's actions were out of line.

"I have a person reviewing all the documentation, giving me their best advice," Craitor said on Thursday.

He feels attention should be paid to Hudak's time as Fort Erie's member of provincial parliament in the 1990's.

under the party's leadership of Mike Harris, the NHS was created and hospitals like Douglas Memorial were placed under its umbrella.

"I don't remember him standing up to Mike Harris saying 'nope, I'm not buying into this one,'" said Craitor.

He also understands that being in politics requires thick skin and criticism is always expected, but at the same time feels politicians need to play by the rules.

"There's a sense of fairness in politics... and I stand by being fair."

Craitor says he will have a better idea by early next week on whether or not he will be taking legal action, but for now only said he has someone weighing his options for him.

"Maybe by then, I'll have calmed down a bit."

However, Hudak is standing firmly by what his office wrote in the press release, and feels Giedhill did not do the "good job" Craitor speaks of.

"I was rather surprised to see the Liberal MPP Kim Craitor say that the outgoing chair did a good job. It seems to me her stamp was all over the closure of the emergency room in Fort Erie, in his riding. I strongly disagree that that was a good job, in fact quite the opposite," said Hudak.


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our editorial

'Good news' always rewarding to cover

We love "good news" here at the Fort Erie Times.

This week's front page photo and story on page nine, explains the local Big Brothers Big Sisters (BBBS) agency reached its \$4,000 goal for the Bowl for Kids' Sake campaign, thanks to the community's support and enthusiasm.

To put it simply... we think that is incredible.

With so much negativity being circulated around town right now over the Bay Beach issue, not only is it great for residents to read a feel good story like this, it's also reward-

ing for our editorial staff to write about something like this for a change.

The community of Greater Fort Erie and everyone at BBBS deserves a good old fashioned pat on the back for their effort, dedication and compassion for such a great cause.

We hope to cover many other stories like this in the future, about people doing good things for the community and helping others in need.

-Kris Dubé



Do You Remember?

It was so good to hear from sisters Kim and Beverly Huffman about last week's photo of the three aspiring models. This photo was taken at Fort Erie Secondary School in Nov. 1975 with Beverly shown on the far right. She remembers being part of this ad as a favour to her

friend Danielle (Nicole) Martin who was launching a gift shop that would also offer teen modelling and etiquette classes just behind Jarvis Street.

Beverley wrote to us to say that this photo brought back memories of an old friendship with a special person.

In this week's photo... is this police officer using an OPP plane to issue tickets? Does anyone remember either of the two men in the photo or why it appeared in the paper? Please call the Museum at (905) 894-5322 or send an e-mail to museum@forterie.on.ca

Billboard a sign of silent majority's presence



Kris Dubé
Editor's Notebook

This is truly a "sign" of some local residents' thoughts on the state of Fort Erie and I feel the need to comment.

This week, a billboard was erected on Garrison Road, by a group calling itself the Citizens of Fort Erie for a Positive Future. An image of a young boy building a sand castle on the beach, is clearly an indication that it is inspired by council's

recent decision to potentially begin the process of rezoning the Bay Beach properties, essentially closing the deal with the Molinari Group to build a 12-storey condo building on the south side of Erie Road in Crystal Beach.

For the last three years, this has been a heated issue around town. Some might say it is the "silent majority" of many people who were never involved in the local political arena have been coming out of the woodwork to provide their opinion.

A year ago, when delegations were made on this project, people opposed

to it severely outweighed those in favour of it. This is true and their concerns were nothing short of valid.

All along, many people claimed there was a "silent majority" that wanted to see the project come to fruition, but were passive and didn't make an effort to stand up in front of a packed council chambers to voice their say. This is dismissed at the time as a false claim by those in opposition.

This billboard is proof there are more people in the community who support the condo project than there was before, who feel this development being shut down will

set a precedent for future impressions of Greater Fort Erie from around the town and region.

As I have said in the past, wait until a second legal opinion is provided to council and you can form a final opinion on the recent decision made.

If it turns out the taxpayers will be faced with millions of dollars in legal fees, then you have every right to be upset with this council.

Be patient and wait it out.

In the meantime, whatever side of this issue you are on, make sure you continue to hear all arguments...even though they have pretty much been

beaten to death at this point.

But I will close by saying that this billboard clearly shows there are people in this community who want to see this development become a reality and are willing to spend thousands of dollars from their own pockets to deliver their message on this billboard.

There is a silent majority that has risen, worried about the future of their town and they need to be listened to.

If the mayor and town staff's expectations of an almost seven per cent increase in taxes due to the possible breach of contract are true, then I

will be amazed if council decides to move forward with costing the ratepayers a ton of money.

To be honest, my jaw will drop to the floor.

The four councillors who are in opposition to this development have been given the label of "anti-development" and I don't think that is a fair assessment to be honest. They don't support this project, one of many that council will hopefully consider moving ahead with over the next four years.

Let's hope the end result will be what is best for Greater Fort Erie and not a battle of personal opinion.

opinion page

Debate no longer about if condo is a good fit

Dear Editor,

There is a fractional amount of the population in Greater Fort Erie that would have the community believe the current debate is about whether the Bay Beach condo minimum project is a good fit.

That is not the debate. That ship has sailed.

As in any municipal process, well established legislation dictates that sound and factual information is gathered and a decision is then made based on that sound and factual information. The decision is then subject to vigorous testing, such as the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB), to ensure it is compliant to the well established legislation.

Previous council gathered sound and factual information. They made a decision to contract with the Molinaro Group based on that sound and factual information. The decision was subjected to the vigorous testing of the OMB; 13 appeals, 13 dismissals. The decision was found to be a good decision for Greater Fort Erie.

Current council has completely reversed this process. Upon being elected, they made a decision to kill the project. Now they are gathering facts to support that decision, and in so doing they exclude anything

factual that would compromise that end. Their path is clear as day; evidenced by their behaviors and the greatly unsettled feeling amongst the population that voted for them.

What a few call "four councillors that listen to the people" and what some find admirable and redeeming, I find objectionable and rogue. Not because they don't support or endorse a particular project, but because one lacks the courage and integrity to make a decision and stand by it, and the other three show complete contempt for legislative protocols and the codes of conduct that they swore to uphold.

That they might willingly collude and conspire and give in to a mentality that "the end justifies the means" is a complete breach of trust and shows nothing of the transparency or accountability their office and position within the Greater Fort Erie Community demands.

Prominent members of the province's construction, development and business community as well as the regional political landscape have approached this council expressing their shock and distaste for this unprecedented course of action.

The message has been clear from developers

across the province: "We will not come near Fort Erie again." The message has been clear from our regional peers: "If you will not support yourself then we will no longer support you."

Yet this council continues forward with an arrogant indifference towards the tide now rising against our community.

Kiss that hospital hope goodbye; we won't find an ounce of goodwill left in this region if this council continues.

The City of Thunder Bay recently made minor changes to a development contract and were promptly sued for \$126 million dollars. They appealed to have the case arbitrated. That appeal was denied and they were forced to pay the developer's legal costs. Now they're looking square on at a \$126 million dollar lawsuit.

While the end result costs are unlikely to reach \$126 million dollars, the ratepayers in Thunder Bay are bound to walk away from this experience in a bow-legged fashion.

And Fort Erie is next, with the development community and their collective legal teams pooling their support against us and this dishonest approach to handling our business affairs.

Underneath it all,

whether one agrees with the condo or not, the lesson on display in an unprecedented fashion to our regional neighbors and the rest of the province is that, should the winds of opinion change, it is acceptable in Fort Erie to renege on a commitment.

Not just a verbal commitment and the romantic notion that between good people a handshake is binding, but the very formal and legal covenants that contract law has engrained into society as protective

measures against those that would hold low regard for the concept of commitment.

For a young business guy, this council's course of action is a crushing blow to everything I have grown up understanding about how a businessperson should conduct themselves.

This council's course of action destroys a foundation upon which the good business ideals of my generation have been built and I will not accept this choice they have made on my behalf.

I never thought I'd be that guy," the one all worked up about municipal politics. I'm beyond embarrassed at this shameful chain of events. Please stand up and be heard, send an e-mail to council today. This is a train wreck that can be avoided.

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Dave Shaw
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The TIMES Asks



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Cameron Volzke

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Returning students MUST apply. Application forms are available on-line, at Town Hall, the Leisureplex and the Gibson Centre. The deadline for receiving applications is **5:00 p.m., FRIDAY MARCH 25, 2011**.

PUBLIC NOTICE

OVERNIGHT WINTER PARKING ON STREETS

ATTENTION ALL MOTORISTS: In an effort to keep the streets free of vehicles during the winter months for snowplowing and sanding operations, residents are reminded that no overnight parking is permitted.

Traffic By-Law No. 2000-89, Section 205 provides that "No person shall park a vehicle or permit a vehicle to remain parked" on any street in Town "between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 7:00 a.m. between November 1, 2010 and March 31, 2011."

The Town's By-Law Enforcement Officers will be exercising vigilant enforcement of By-Law No. 2000-89. Your vehicle will be issued a parking ticket and could be towed, at your expense, if found in violation of this by-law.

Enquiries may be directed to the Town's By-Law Enforcement Officers by calling (905) 871-1500, Extension 2216 (Geoff Stephenson) or Extension 2215 (Jack Cox).

(2) COUNCIL'S DRAFT CORPORATE STRATEGIC PLAN 2011-2014

A Public Meeting has been scheduled to take place during the March 21, 2011 Council-in-Committee meeting to provide the opportunity to comment on Municipal Council's draft 2011-2014 Corporate Strategic Plan.

The draft Strategic Plan sets out the most important Council priorities, goals and initiatives to focus on over the next four years.

The Draft Plan is available on the Town's web-site at: www.forterie-on.ca. Copies are also available at Town Hall, 1 Municipal Centre Drive, Fort Erie.

It would be appreciated if any person wishing to address Council on the Draft Plan's content during the Public Meeting contact the Clerk's Office by no later than 3:00 p.m. on Friday, March 18, 2011 by contacting 905-871-1600 ext. 2236.

Please direct any enquiries and all comments to the undersigned.

Office of the Chief Administrative Officer
(905) 871-1600 Ext. 2201 • bbradham@forterie.on.ca

(3) TOWN OF FORT ERIE 2011 MARCH BREAK PUBLIC SKATING

Leisureplex:

March 12th	2:00 - 3:30 pm	\$1.50/Person
March 13th	2:00 - 3:30 pm	\$1.50/Person
March 14th	2:00 - 3:30 pm	\$1.50/Person
March 15th	7:00 - 9:00 pm	\$2.50/Person
March 17th	2:00 - 3:30 pm	\$1.50/Person
March 18th	2:00 - 3:30 pm	\$1.50/Person
March 19th	2:00 - 3:30 pm	\$1.50/Person
March 20th	2:00 - 3:30 pm	\$1.50/Person
March 21st	8:00 - 10:00 pm	\$2.50/Person
March 16th	2:00 - 3:30 pm	\$1.50/Person
March 18th	8:00 - 10:00 pm	\$2.50/Person

Crystal Ridge Arena:

March 12th	2:00 - 3:30 pm	\$1.50/Person
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FIRE DEPARTMENT EVENTS

(1)

ST. PATTY'S DINNER

Corn Beef & Cabbage

Fire Station #3 - 1015 Dominion Road

• March 17th, 2011 • 4:30 - 7:00 pm

\$10.00 - Adults • \$5.00 - 10 years and under

ST. PATTY'S DAY BREAKFAST

Date: Sunday March 13, 2011 • Time: 8:00 am to 11:00 am
Enjoy a hearty plate of sausage, eggs, and pancakes • Cost: \$5.00

Little Leprechauns 5 yrs and under • Cost: \$2.00
Event Location: Fire Station #2, 207 Jarvis Street

Thank you for supporting your local firefighters!

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

Infrastructure Services – Operations Division NEW 2011 VEHICLE PURCHASES

Contract # FM-01-111 New 2011 or 2012 SUV or Hybrid, Automatic

Contract # FM-02-111 New 2011 or 2012 Full Size Crew Cab, Short Box, 4X4 Pickup Truck, 8 Cylinder, Automatic

Contract # FM-03-111 1 New 2011 or 2012 Full Size Crew Cab, Short Box Pickup Truck, 8 Cylinder, Automatic, 2500 HD

Contract # FM-04-111 1 New 2011 or 2012 Full Size Extend-a-Cab, Short Box Pickup Truck, 8 Cylinder, Automatic, 4 Wheel Drive

Contract # FM-05-111 1 New 2011 or 2012 Single Axle Dump Cab and Chassis Complete with Sander and Dumper Box, One-Way Snow Plow, Leveling Wing and Hydraulic Controls with Pre-Wetting

Contract # FM-06-111 1 New 2011 or 2012 Full Size Cargo Van, 6 Cylinder, Automatic, 2 wheel drive

Contract # FM-07-111 1 New 2011 or 2012 Full Size Regular Cab, Long Box Pickup Truck, 8 Cylinder, Automatic, 4 Wheel Drive

Sealed tenders clearly marked as to content will be received by Carolyn J. Kett, Town Clerk, 1 Municipal Centre, Fort Erie ON until **2:00 P.M. local time on:**

THURSDAY MARCH 31, 2011

Commencing immediately afterwards on the above date, tenders will be opened publicly at the Fort Erie Municipal Centre, Conference Room # 3. The Corporation of the Town of Fort Erie reserves the right to reject any or all tenders and the lowest and any tender will not necessarily be accepted.

Tender documents may be obtained commencing **Wednesday March 16, 2011**, at the J.L. Gibson Centre, 1 Municipal Centre, Fort Erie ON.

Effective February 1, 2011, all Town of Fort Erie's former competitive bid opportunities, issued by the Purchasing Services Division will be posted on Bidding.com and organized by commodity. This service will provide businesses with a "one stop shop" for bid opportunities available from the Town of Fort Erie, as well as other organizations using www.bidding.com/forterie. This service could open new markets for the goods or services you offer.

(2) TENDER FOR PARKDALE AVENUE WATERMAIN REPLACEMENT CONTRACT NO. IS.1020PARK

Sealed tenders clearly marked as to content will be received by Carolyn J. Kett, Town Clerk, Municipal Centre, Fort Erie, Ontario until 2:00 p.m. local time on:

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30, 2011

Commencing immediately afterwards on the above date, tenders will be opened publicly at the Fort Erie Town Hall Meeting Room No. 3.

The work includes the replacement of an aging watermain along Parkdale Avenue from Dominion Road to Englewood Avenue in Fort Erie. Specifically, the installation of approximately:

• 485m of 150mm dia. PVC watermain by open trench including services, hydrants and connections to existing mains;

• Roadsides drainage improvements and parale road rehabilitation;

• Pulverizing and recycling of existing asphalt and granular material will be required.

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If a hard copy is required, tender documents may be picked up at the Town Hall, Engineering Division, 1 Municipal Centre Drive, Fort Erie, ON L2A 2S9, commencing Thursday, March 17, 2011 on payment of twenty-eight dollars and twenty-five cents (\$28.25) non-refundable cash or cheque payable to the Corporation of the Town of Fort Erie.

As of Thursday, March 17, 2011, Tender Documents may be viewed at the Town of Fort Erie Infrastructure Services Department, Engineering Division and at the Niagara Construction Association, 34 Scott Street, St. Catharines, Ontario.

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INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

Still a chance to donate online

Kris Dubé
The Times

The local Big Brothers Big Sisters (BBBS) agency has thrown a strike right down the middle of the lane.

In its 15th year for the Bowl for Kids' Sake campaign, a goal of \$40,000 has been reached and is still climbing, with a total of \$42,129 being collected by Thursday, when the Times spoke to executive director Sondra Barrett.

"For all of Fort Erie to come together and help us reach our goal, is simply amazing," said Barrett.

Last year, the amount raised was about \$2,000 shy



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—Sondra Barrett

of the \$40,000 goal.

The event takes place at Carroll's Bowling Lanes on Klauck Street.

Barrett says this year's success can be attributed to people getting a better understanding of what the

campaign is all about by participating in previous runs, knowing it's a great way to spend and evening raising money for a great cause at the same time.

"People realize it's a fun event, so they come back the next year," she said.

The money raised will go towards services offered by BBBS, with an aim on ways to provide opportunities to children enrolled in local schools through in-school mentorships, the go-girls program and other after school components.

"A big focus right now is on site-based programs," said Barrett.

Currently, there are 17

children on a waiting list to be matched with a Big Brother or Big Sister.

The largest percentage of the money raised came from cash gifts and sponsors such as Tim Horton's, Sun Media, TV Cogeco and other local sponsors, who brought in just under \$12,000.

Between three time slots last Saturday, \$8,694 was raised by participating teams.

On Saturday Feb. 26, \$7,386 was raised for the cause.

Donations will still be accepted until the end of April, through www.forteriebowl2011.kintera.org.

Capital and operating budgets approved

Town council has adopted the above-by-laws, rubber-stamping its budget process.

In a special council meeting after Monday's council-committee meeting, local politicians gave its final endorsement to its general levy operating budget of \$18,926,407 and its capital budget of \$9,121,002.

Taxpayers will feel a 2.9 per cent increase, which equates to about \$5.77 per month for

the average home valued over \$167,000.

The Niagara Region was able to help its municipalities, having roughly \$13 million dollars to disperse costs for social services have been taken over by the province.

At the Region, its budget approval creates a decrease of \$18.35 per month on its tax levy for a homeowner with a property assessed at \$210,000.

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Information Sessions Location & Program Description	Information Session
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Region approves new police and EMS station

Total project cost \$4.8 million, funded by Region

A shovel will be in the ground next month for the joint emergency medical services and police

station at Thompson and Gilmore Roads.

Regional councillors approved a tender award report last Thursday, moving ahead with the site, which the Region's manager of facilities management Carmen Bertone said will help provide a more efficient

system for both services. The total cost of the project is \$4.8 million, funded completely by the regional government.

The construction price tag is estimated to be \$3.5 million and the remainder of the costs will cover site development and the purchase of the land.



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Broadcaster enlightens crowd at Women's Day luncheon

Kris Dubé
The Times

Leading a successful career and a personal life full of joy is what women should strive for.

This is the message Sunni Genesco conveyed as the special guest at last Friday's

International Women's Day luncheon at Bridgewater Country Club, hosted by the Greater Fort Erie Chamber of Commerce. Genesco, a Fort Erie native, whose real name is Maria Gianfrancesco, has been in the broadcasting industry for 31 years, and

"Women can be very happy in their work and have a good personal life too."

—Sunni Genesco

can currently be heard on 102.9 K-LITE FM in Hamilton as the co-host of "Sunni and Hayes" morning show with her colleague Matt Hayes, another popular name in the world of broadcasting.

They also do a show every morning from Monday to Friday on CHCK News.

When asked by the Chamber of Commerce to be this year's guest speaker, she didn't know exactly how she would form her presentation to the hundreds of women in the crowd, but eventually decided she wanted to touch on the balance between being successful at work, but still having a good family life to return home to.

"Women can be very happy in their work and have a good personal life too," she said.

When she took the first step with her career by attending Fanshawe College, she said the number of men outweighed the amount of women looking to get into her field.

Now, she says those numbers have basically turned around completely and there are many more women entering the industry.

All of them have likely worked hard to get where they are now, which she did to get to the title and reputation she has at the moment.

"It all sort of came together... and it certainly wasn't handed to me," she said.

Students cooking up what they love to do

Kris Dubé
The Times

For Ashley Maulucci and Kelly Plato, school is a piece of cake.

The two grade 11 Fort Erie Secondary School (FESS) students, enrolled in the hospitality and tourism program has helped them make up their minds on what path they will be taking in their careers after high school... and both expect it will have something to do with the fine art of baking.

Recently, between both students, five medals have been brought back to FESS from District School Board of Niagara job skills demonstrations.

The pair is hoping to advance to Waterloo, after a tally of their scores from the entire school year's competitions and events is calculated.

FESS said not only is this a great way to meet new people who share the same interests, but it also is a chance to assess the competition and see what

they are up to in the kitchen.

"It gives us an opportunity to see what other students are doing and how we compare to them," said Plato, who came to FESS from Ridgeway-Crystal Beach High School (RCBHS) after finishing grade nine.

She enjoyed her time at RCBHS, but when she came to FESS and started with Mr. Keyvani's hospitality program, she admits this is when she found her calling in life.

"I had no idea what I wanted to do, but when I came to FESS, it sort of all changed," she said.

For Maulucci, she hasn't wasted any time getting prepared for the real world once she graduates high school, considering she has already started her own cake baking business from her home, which she has appropriately called Hearts and Flowers, creating specialty cakes, chocolate pastries and cookies for anyone interested in patronizing her business in its early stage.

"I've always baked for my family, but now it has branched out," she said.

"My parents yell at me for using all the eggs," she laughed.

The students really want to be here."

— Afshin Keyvani

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Afshin Keyvani, hospitality and tourism program teacher at FESS, says he is extremely proud of these two students' efforts and accomplishments, as well as everyone else who has taken the class.

"The students really want to be here," he said.

The Pomegranate Restaurant, in its fourth year, has had another successful year, Keyvani explained.

"We're busy as ever," he said.

Anyone interested in making a reservation for an upcoming Wednesday seating, you can call the school at (905) 871-4610.



Grade 11 students at Fort Erie Secondary School Ashley Maulucci, left, and Kelly Plato have represented their school by bringing back five medals this year, for their skills in the fine art of baking. They are enrolled in the hospitality and tourism high skills major class.

KRIS DUBÉ/ Fort Erie Times

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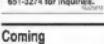
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In loving memory of a dear wife, Mom and Nonna who passed away March 10, 2010.
It's but a year ago today.
Since then we have been in memory.
We miss your laugh and gentle smile,
Thank you for giving us so many wonderful
memories.

A wife and mother who gave us
the best years of our life.
Who showed us our strengths,
our sorrows, her stries.
We sought us to love and taught us to pray.
God bless you today.
Your loving husband Aniello, children,
grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

His weary hours and days of pain,
His troubled nights are past.
And it is now time to say, know
He has found peace at last.

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DINAH BRYANT

In loving memory of a dear daughter,
who passed away March 19th, 2005.
Another year has passed since God called
you away.

But still we miss you every day and every day,
What we wouldn't give to take one more walk,
Or just sit quietly and have one more talk.
We miss you Dinah and always will.
Love you very much, your son David, his Dad,
his son Jacob, her sisters Audrey and Caroline and all the family.

Every day, in some small way,
Memories of you come our way.
Through absent, you are ever near.
Still missed, still loved and ever dear.

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Non now, but in the coming years,
It may be in the bitter wind
We'll know the meaning of our losses
And then some day we'll understand.

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There is a solid and sweet remembrance.
There is a love that is both real and true.
There is a touch of tenderness
And a matriarch still for you.

In memoriam



In loving memory of a dear wife, mother,
grandmother and great-grandmother

Immacolata Passero

With love from all of us

8 roses grow in Heaven Lord

Please pick a bunch from us,

Place them in my mother's arms

And tell her they're from us.

The flowers will always make her smile

And when she turns to smile,

Place a kiss upon her cheek,

And hold her for awhile.

Because remembering her is easy

But there is so much more to do every day

That will never go away.

Sadly missed by Lorenzo, all your children,

grandchildren and great-grandchild.

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In loving memory of
Marie Bailey
March 13, 1911

You are missed each and every day
in a very special way
Until we all meet again.
Love, Your Family

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**Rob Parker**

Does everything that makes people happy
As good as it gets
Does really good things for others
Does things that are really funny
You are a champion Dad.
I love you and miss you.
Love, Your Son Steven

**Rob Parker**

This month comes with deep regret
It brings back a day we will never forget.
He fell asleep without saying good-bye
But the memories he will never die.
One of the last things he held
His overfilled heart, his heart of gold.
Always so good, unselfish and kind
What beautiful memories he left behind.
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Fort Erie Meteors captain Andrew Ansell carries the puck into Thorold's end last Saturday at the Leisureplex.

Meteors swept out of playoffs

Team's general manager Tony Passero describes 7-45 regular season record as "disappointing"

Kris Dubé
The Times

Fort Erie Meteors general manager has summed up the 2010-11 season for his Jr. B hockey club as "disappointing."

The squad entered the first round of playoffs against the Thorold Blackhawks with a 7-45 record, something Passero told his team to put behind them, starting with a fresh record in the postseason.

In the first game, the Meteors held their own, losing only 2-0 after an empty net goal sealed the deal for Thorold.

In the second game, the Meteors held a 3-1 lead after the first period, before the Blackhawks took the lead 4-3 heading into the final frame. The Meteors

were able to tie it up and take the 1-game to overtime, where the Blackhawks came out on top.

The next two games, the Meteors lost 10-2 and 10-1, as Thorold completed the sweep.

Although the regular season record is nowhere near what any hockey club wants to see, Passero said the season wasn't a total loss as many players played a positive role on the team.

"We had a hard working team that got better as we went along," said Passero.

"We had some players that did have a good season, as have bright futures in hockey," he added.

He said the new coaching staff, recruited at the start of the season did an "admirable job" and he looks forward to starting a new season later this year.

Passero wants to thank all the sponsors that assisted the team this year, and is calling out to the community for volunteers at home games during the 2010-11 season. Anyone interested, can reach him at (905) 871-7462.

Stanley Cup coming to town

Scotiabank's Celebration of Hockey Tour bringing Lord Stanley to local branch on Mar. 25

The Holy Grail of hockey is making a stop in Fort Erie.

On March 25th, the Stanley Cup will be on display at the Scotiabank branch in the County Fair Mall, from 4 to 8 p.m.

Part of the financial institution's

Celebration of Hockey tour, the local branch is one of two stops in Ontario, and branch manager Gord Gregory is looking forward to hosting the event, he expects will draw a huge crowd of fans.

"It's nice to be able to present something of this calibre to the community," said Gregory.

Scotiabank has supported the sport of hockey at all levels for many years between minor league sponsorships and being the official bank of the National Hockey League.

Photographs with the Cup will be available, along with a collection of hockey memorabilia, said Gregory.

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To Alex Gill, a local minor hockey player who scored in a shootout at the Fort Erie Meteors' recent kids' night at the Leisureplex. He won a hockey stick that was his opposite hand, so he gave it to one of his teammates. This is true sportsmanship at its finest and his family is very proud of him. We're red! We're white! We're dynamite!

Brick

To the Bay Beach issue for not going away any time soon. I understand it is very important and many people are paying close attention to it, but let's move on to something else. Get this resolved one way or another and start moving forward with other projects.

Bouquet

To councillor Stephen Passero and his colleagues for finding a way to replenish the fire facilities

Brick

To people who oppose the Canadian Motor Speedway and can't look past the minimal negative impacts of a project this is for Fort Erie. We need jobs in this town and this will be a great start. Let's get racing forward with other projects.

Bouquet

To everyone who participated in the Big Brothers Big Sisters Bowl for Kids' Sake campaign, helping them achieve their \$40,000 goal.



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caravan kids

Figure 1. The relationship between the number of new cases per day and the number of daily deaths per day in Wuhan, China, from January 20 to March 20, 2020. The figure shows a strong positive correlation between the two variables. The data were obtained from the Chinese Center for Disease Control and Prevention website (www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/cases-in-china.html). The data show that the number of new cases per day increased from 100 on January 20 to 10,000 on March 20. The number of daily deaths per day increased from 1 on January 20 to 1,000 on March 20. The data also show that the number of new cases per day reached a plateau around 10,000 on March 10, while the number of daily deaths per day continued to increase until March 20. This suggests that the peak of the epidemic has been reached and the spread of the virus is slowing down. The data also show that the number of new cases per day is still relatively high, around 1,000, on March 20, which indicates that the epidemic is still ongoing and needs to be monitored closely. The data also show that the number of daily deaths per day is still relatively low, around 100, on March 20, which indicates that the mortality rate of the virus is still relatively low. The data also show that the number of new cases per day is still relatively high, around 1,000, on March 20, which indicates that the epidemic is still ongoing and needs to be monitored closely. The data also show that the number of daily deaths per day is still relatively low, around 100, on March 20, which indicates that the mortality rate of the virus is still relatively low.



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